CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication:	Hash Ending B87E21
Other known title(s):	Not stated
OFLC ref:	1000584.000
Medium:	Computer Image File Printout
Publisher:	Not stated
Country of origin:	Not stated
Language:	Not applicable
Applicant:	Commissioner of Police
Classification:	Objectionable.
Descriptive note:	None
Display conditions:	None
Date of entry in Register:	18 May 2010
Date of direction to issue a label:	No direction to issue a label has been issued

Summary of reasons for decision:

The computer image file depicts a naked boy being subjected to a sexual act by an adult man. It therefore promotes and supports the exploitation of children and young persons for sexual purposes and is deemed to be objectionable. The image is evidence of sexual exploitation and abuse. Its purpose is to titillate or arouse people with a sexual interest in young boys. Publications such as this encourage viewers to see boys as sexually desirable and available for adult sexual gratification. The effect is to strengthen this sexual interest and encourage sexual exploitation.

The publication's classification interferes with the freedom of expression as set out in s14 of the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990, but this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's intention to limit the availability of publications that promote and support the exploitation of children or young persons for sexual purposes.